

REMARKS

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed on November 28, 2007. In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 12, 16, 30 and 33-35 contained allowable subject matter and that claims 17-24 were allowed. The Examiner rejected the remaining claims. With this amendment, claims 1, 8, 10-14, 17, 26, 29 and 32 are amended, claims 2, 9, 16, 27-28, 31, 33-35 are canceled, claims 36-38 are added, and the remaining claims are unchanged in the application.

Applicant first wishes to thank the Examiner for the acknowledgement of allowed claims and the indication of allowable subject matter.

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claim 16 contained allowable subject matter. Applicant has amended independent claim 1 to include the limitations of claims 1, 2, 9 and 16. Although amended claim 1 does not contain the limitations of claims 3-5 and 8, Applicant submits that the allowable subject matter of claim 16 is now contained in claim 1. Amended claim 1 includes the anti-seg indicator as discussed by the Examiner on pages 16-17 of the Office Action, and this is not shown in the references. Therefore, Applicant submits that claim 1 is allowable.

The Examiner also indicated that claim 12 contained allowable subject matter. Claim 36 has been added which includes the limitations of claims 1, 2, 9, 11 and 12. Again, Applicant submits that the allowable subject matter in claim 12 is now contained in claim 36, and that claim 36 is allowable. The prior art does not show the elements of claim 36.

The Examiner also indicated that claim 33 was allowable. Claim 26 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 26-28 and 33. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 36 is allowable.

The Examiner also indicated that claim 34 was allowable. New claim 37 includes the limitations of claims 26-28 and 34. Therefore, Applicant submits that the allowable subject matter originally in claim 34, as discussed by the Examiner on page 17 of the Office Action, is found in new claim 37. Therefore, claim 37 is allowable.

The Examiner also indicated that claim 35 was allowable. New claim 38 includes the limitations of claims 26-29 and 35. Therefore, Applicant submits that independent claim 38 is allowable.

Applicant has amended claims 8, 10-14, 29 and 32 for the sake of consistency. Applicant has also amended independent claim 17 to correct a clerical error. The words “word match words in the entries the lexicon...” were erroneously repeated in the ultimate limitation of claim 17. The second instance of those words has been removed. Therefore, the claim is believed to be in proper form.

In conclusion, Applicant acknowledges the allowance of claims 17-24 and respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of claims 1, 3-8, 10-15, 26, 29-30, 32, and 36-38.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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